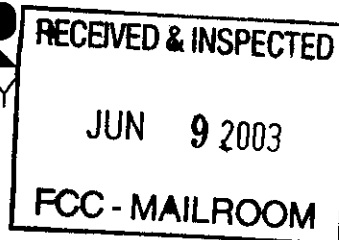




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### SECTION 254(e) CERTIFICATION

June 2, 2003

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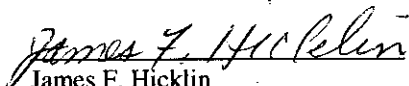
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***Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support – ICLS***  
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This is to certify that Chester Telephone Company (“the company”), will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for all study areas under the common control of the company, and which are listed below and in attachment(s) as necessary.

Signed,

  
James F. Hicklin  
Vice-President and General Manager

Date: June 2, 2003

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Company Name	State	Study Area No.
Chester Telephone Company	South Carolina	240516
Ridgeway Telephone Company	South Carolina	240541
Lockhart Telephone Company	South Carolina	240532

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